



THE STORY BIBLE

This week, read and discuss these stories:

- **Peter and Cornelius**, page 437
- **Peter's Escape from Prison**, page 440
- **Paul's First Missionary Journey**, page 445
- **Paul Writes and Writes**, pages 456
- **Paul and Timothy, Lois and Eunice**, page 463

Praying for children and praying *with* children gives you the opportunity to serve and to build a relationship with them. By modeling how to pray, you can remind them that Jesus is their friend and will guide them as they spend time in prayer.

Here are a few ideas to try:

- Ask your children what they would like to pray about. Prompt them to think about prayers of thanksgiving as well as requests.
- Write down your prayers and look back over them once every few weeks. As you see answers to prayer, point them out to your children.
- Let each family member take turns leading the prayer. Little ones can also repeat after you to help them learn to talk to God.

Know the Bible Now (including Scripture references)

PETER AND CORNELIUS— [Acts 10](#) | KtBN page 320

- Early on, Jewish Christians had a difficult time include Gentile Christians in their ministry. Even Peter had this struggle. What was God teaching them in this passage?
- Think of a person you know who is totally opposite from you - someone you wouldn't associate with. How might you make them feel welcome in your church?

Prayer: *Dear God, you taught us that everyone needs You. It doesn't matter how we were born, or what has happened in our life. We need You. Give us a heart for others, so everyone might have the chance to know Your love. Amen.*

PETER'S ESCAPE FROM PRISON — [Acts 12:1-17](#) | KtBN page 322

- Why do you think Herod the King and some of the Jews hated Christians so much?
- What are some things about Christianity that is unpopular with unbelievers today?

Prayer: *Lord Jesus Christ, sometime it's difficult to stand up for what we believe. Give us extra faith to boldly profess our faith in You as Savior and Lord. Amen.*

PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY — [Acts 13](#) | KtBN page 324

- Why do you think Paul spent time in Antioch? (*Hint: why was Antioch important at that time?*)
- When the Jews in that area started to contradict his teachings, what did Paul and the others do? What was the Gentile's response?

Prayer: *Lord, open our eyes to all the opportunities that you give us to share Your love and forgiveness with others. When one way seems closed, open to us another route. Amen.*

PAUL'S LETTERS — [Romans 1:1-17, 5:1](#); [Ephesians 1:1, 2:4-10, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-2, 2:13, 3:11-13](#) | KtBN page 326

- What did Paul call the Gospel in his letter to the Romans?
- What did Paul say about Faith and good works in his letter to the Ephesians?

Prayer: *Heavenly Father, we are grateful for the work of St. Paul in bringing the Gospel to us through his letters. Lord, teach us to cling to Your Word because it brings life and salvation. Amen.*

PAUL AND TIMOTHY — [Acts 16:1-5, 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 15-16, 6:11-21](#) & [2 Timothy 1:1-7, 3:14-15, 4:7-8](#) | KtBN page 330

- Paul mentored people in God's Word, including Timothy. How might you mentor your family and friends to grow in their faith in God?
- How does Paul describe himself at the beginning of his letter to Timothy?

Prayer: *Lord, we are nothing without Your mercy. Every day we wake is a new day in the power of Your love. Thank You for your mercy which never ends. Amen.*